

September 17, 2005

To Public Hearing	
Date:	Sept 19, 2005
Item #	1
Re:	Single Family Lot Size Policy 5408

The Mayor and Councillors
City of Richmond
6911 No 3 Road
Richmond, B.C.

Re: Public Hearing on Single Family Lot Size Policy 5408 (Section 18-4-6)

To the Members of the City Council

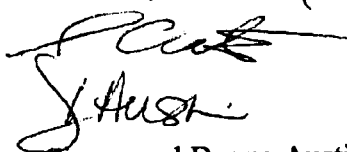
By way of this letter, we wish to let you know we are fully against the proposed change to R1.06 in the area of Blundell and Gilbert roads.

We would like to keep the character of the area as single family homes in lots as they access the surrounding roads now. The increase of traffic on Curzon and Cheviot (as two examples) from back lanes would cause increased disruption and traffic flow issues. Presently there are both a senior's residence, a shopping centre and an elementary school in this area on the South side of Blundell, making ingress and egress into this quadrant hazardous at times.

While we have more than a few negatives to adding density to this area, we are stumped to say the least as to what would be the positive aspects to changing the face of this neighbourhood by increasing the quotient of residents. The area in question is not one of older 'tear-downs' and would cause a mish-mash of home sizes, types and vintages. Further, we feel there are ample areas in Richmond where lower cost and multi-family dwellings are in existence or being developed. What is truly becoming a shortage is the single family home with a decent sized yard neighbourhood – the type of neighbourhood we saved for and sought out when we moved here 4 years ago.

We trust as our elected officials you will consider our request to leave section 18-4-6 as it stands at this time and reject the proposal before you.

Sincerely



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Schedule 6 to the minutes of Public
Hearing Meeting held on Monday,
September 19th, 2005.